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Edinburgh, Tuesday, January 21, 1729.

From the Evening Post, Jan. 14.

Moscow, Decem. 6.

THE Chief of our Nobility use their utmost Endeavours to perswade our Emperor to fix his usual Residence in this City; but 'tis thought his Imperial Majesty will rather hearken to the Advice of his Ministers, who plainly shew him, his Presence is necessary at Petersburg; if one is willing to preserve to the Nation the Advantages that have accrued to it from the Navigation and Trade of that new-built City. On the 2d Instant an Express arrived here from Constantinople, which has occasioned several Conferences among our Ministers; but the Contents of the Letters are not known.

Warsaw, Decem. 20. M. Urbanowitz, the Muscovite General, is lately arrived here. By Letters from Constantinople we learn, that by the Grand Signior's Orders they continue still to register the Persons Names who are able to bear Arms, not only in his own Dominions in Asia, but in those Countries in Europe that were only tributary to him; That his Highness makes great Preparations of War; That it was rumoured at Constantinople, that the Grand Visier had a Commission to execute some great Project; That the Janisaries were ordered to hold themselves in Readiness to march; That the Princes of Moldavia and Walachia had desired the Emperor of Germany to grant them his Protection; and that his Imperial had given Orders to fortify Buda and other Places in Hungary.

From the London Evening Post, Jan. 14.

Hague, Jan. 18. 'Tis advised from Vienna of the 1st Instant, That the Emperor is somewhat indisposed. And our private Letters from thence make mention of a Treaty of Commerce between the Emperor and the Czar, very much to the Advantage of his Imperial Majesty's Subjects, who are to have an entire Freedom of Commerce in all the Ports and Provinces of Russia, and to import all Quicksilver there Duty-free, for the Use of the Mines in Siberia. They say further, that by virtue of this Treaty, the Czar is to have 50,000 Men always in Readiness to serve the Emperor. The same Letters add, That they had Advice from Constantinople, that the Turks beginning to shew Inclination to travel into Foreign Countries, the Porte encourages that Humour, and readily grants them Passes; That the Christians settled among them have the same Usage as the natural-born Subjects; and that Engineers and other Persons who good Mechanicks, have particular Favours shewn them. Mean-while, the Ministers of the Christian Powers have not been able to prevent a new Duty being laid upon Cotton and Oil exported.

Soissons, Jan. 6. The Burghers of this City begin to have Hopes that the Congress will speedily be renewed, by reason that new Lodgings are hired in many Parts of this City; some of them for English and German Lords, who are expected here next Month. And we are assured that all the Plenipotentiaries will return hither by the Beginning of March, to renew the Conferences. However, Time must shew this.

London, Jan. 14, Three of His Majesty's German Footmen at Hanover, are ordered to come from thence to the Hague, to wait his Majesty's Arrival there.

An Order will speedily be published for the Rt. Rev. the Bishops to give notice to the Clergy in their respective Dioceses, for his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to be prayed for as such in all the Cathedral, Parochial Churches, Chapels, &c.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Jan. 14.

Moscow, Dec. 6. The various Projects of the late Czar for the Government of his Empire, and particularly in Relation to Commerce, having been referred to the Examination of a Committee of Council, they have made their Report, and Edicts are

are actually in the Preſs for the Execution of ſeveral of thoſe Projects which are thought expedient. One of theſe Edicts relates to the Clergy, whoſe Eſtates being taxed in Proportion to their Produce, will furniſh his Czarian Majeſty with almoſt half a Million Sterling more than they uſed to pay by way of Free Gift.

Petersburg, Dec. 15. On the 6th Inſtant the Czar's Library, and all the Rarities in his Cabinet, which is now one of the moſt curious in Europe, were removed into the Accademy of Sciences here. Letters Patents are arrived from Moſcow, for the Erection of a Woollen Manufactory at this Place, in the Proſecution of which, Foreigners are promiſed great Advantages.

All the Pieces of Artillery brought this Year from the Foundaries of Oloniz, appear to be deſigned for the King of Spain, whoſe Ambaſſador the Duke of Liria, has lately received conſiderable Remittances in Bills, for which our Bankers paid him the Money at Moſcow.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Jan. 14.

Stockholm, Dec. 30. The Count de Fretag, Miniſter of the Emperor, who is gone from hence, where he had been for ſome Days, hath had his Expences defrayed as far as Helſingburg by Order of his Majeſty, which is looked upon as a particular Favour, which hath not hitherto been done to any Foreign Miniſters. 'Tis ſaid that the King cauſed to be declared to him before his Departure, that his Majeſty had no other View but to preſerve the Peace of the North, without deſiring in any Manner to prejudice the Prerogatives of the Empire, &c. We have here the coldeſt Weather that has been felt for many Years.

London, Jan. 14. A Milkwoman's Daughter at Endfield, was lately buried there alive; when ſhe was going to be interr'd ſome People at the Funeral, thought ſhe looked freſh, and taking a Looking Glaſs and applying it to her Lips, they fancied they perceived a Dew on it as from Breath; but the cruel Mother mocked and reviled them, and ſwore ſhe ſhould be buried, and ſo ſhe was: But this coming to the Ears of a near Relation, he got the Grave dug up, and the Coffin opened, when ſhe was found with her Knees drawn up, and the Noſegay in her Hand beaten to Pieces, with ſtruggling for Life. A Surgeon was ſent for to blood her, but it was then too late.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 16.

No Foreign Mails this Poſt.

THE Ball at the Earl of Tankerville's Houſe in St. James's Square laſt Tueſday, was not over till 5 Yeſterday-morning: Among thoſe that were preſent, were the Dukes of Grafton, Dorſet, and Manchester; the Earls of Eſſex, Sunderland, Albemarle, and Grantham; the Rt. Honourable Sir Robert Walpole and Brigadier-General Churchill. And we are told his R. Highneſs and the Counteſs of Tankerville opened the Ball.

The ſame Night the Lord Carteret entertained all the Foreign Miniſters with a ſplendid Supper at his Houſe in Arlington-ſtreet.

As to the preſent Situation of Affairs Abroad, which is of the greateſt Importance to the Public, 'tis expected they will have a ſatisfactory Account thereof in a few Days, and be no longer in a State of Uncertainty.

A Pamphlet is now publiſhed, Entituled *Obſervations on the Conduct of Great Britain with regard to the Negociations and Tranſactions abroad*; 'tis ſuppoſed to be done by a great Hand: Containing the original Inſtructions and Orders of the late Admiral Hoſier, particularly, That he was to omit nothing than could poſſibly be done, to prevent the Flotilla or Galleons from returning to Spain, and if poſſible, to intercept and get them into his Poſſeſſion. But three Days before his Arrival at Porto Bello, all the Money in that Port, was put on Board Sloops and ſent back to Panama; ſo that if it had been thought adviſable to have directed him to commit open Hoſtilities, by attacking the Galleons in the ſaid Harbour of Porto Bello, it was impoſſible for the Admiral to have taken any Thing but the open Hulks of the Ships; and ſuch a Pledge in our Hands, as the Author ſays, could not have had much Influence on the Councils of Spain. In the Pamphlet is alſo inſerted an exact Liſt of all the Ships that have been taken by the Spaniards in the Weſt Indies, ſince the Concluſion of the Treaty of Hanover in the Year 1725. From whence 'tis obſerved, that for near a Year after the Arrival of his Majeſty's Squadron in thoſe Seas, not one Ship was complained of as taken from our

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Merchants by the Spaniards. That the whole Number of Ships taken ſince the aforenamed Treaty, is but 26, and of thoſe 26 together, amount to no more than 340 Tons. But to protect our Merchants from thoſe Loſſes, or to revenge them by making Reprisals, the Admiral, upon the Spaniards laying Siege to Gibraltar, was commanded to give Orders to the Captains of the Ships in his Squadron, to take, ſink, burn or deſtroy any Ships of War, Privateer, Merchant Ships, or Veſſels belonging to the King of Spain or his Subjects, which they could come up with.

Mean time we are ſtill to hear, that the Spaniards continue to take our Merchant Ships. Our Merchants had an Account this Day, that the Pearl, bound from Jamaica to New York, had been taken by a Spaniſh Privateer and carried into the Havana. That the William and Mary, bound from Maryland to London, was loſt near the Weſt Iſlands. And that another run a-ground Yeſterday on the Goodwyn Sands, and was feared could not be ſaved.

Laſt Week died the Reverend Mr. Foſter, Vicar of Eaſt-church in the Iſle of Shepping. As alſo this Morning Sir John Colebank, an eminent Phyſician.

'Tis reported that the Lord Lanſdown will in a ſhort time come over from France.

This Evening the Lord Chancellor gives a great Entertainment to all the Foreign Miniſters, and the Prince will give a Ball very ſoon at Somerſet-houſe. S. S. Stock 99.

From the Evening Poſt, Jan. 16.

Petersburg, Decem. 25. We expect with Impatience Letters from Derbent, the laſt having brought Advice, That the Sultan Eſref was fortifying a Place on the Caſpian Sea, ſome Leagues from Baku, and had given Orders to raiſe a Fort 6 Weſters from Andreoff, on the Frontiers of Georgia; and that the Turks were reinforcing their Troops in that Province and on the Side of Tauris. 'Tis ſaid a Reinforcement of our Troops will ſpeedily be ſent to Derbent.

Meaſures are taking in divers Parts for deſtroying the Bears and Wolves, which have lately devoured ſome Cattle, and even Men.

They are laying up at Riga great Quantities of all Sorts of Proviſions.

London, Jan. 16. Yeſterday Morning Mr. Crew, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, ſet out with an Expreſs for his Excellency Stephen Pointz, Eſq; at Paris.

'Tis written from New England, in Letters dated the 16th paſt, that they had Account from the Bay of Honduras, of the Spaniards having taken there 6 Engliſh Ships and Sloops.

The Squadron deſign'd for the Baltick is to conſiſt of 16 Men of War.

The Notingham Man of War, of 60 Guns, Cap. Cotterel, now at Portſmouth, left Jamaica the 10th of November laſt. This Ship was one of the Squadron that ſailed from England with Admiral Hoſier. They left Commodore St. Loe, with the Squadron of his Majeſty's Ships, in very good Health.

S. S. Stock, 98, 5 8ths. Annuities ditto, 102 1 half. Bank, 134, 3 4ths. India, 165. York Buildings, 14, 1 half.

Glaſgow, Jan. 15. 1729.

Meal, from 08 00 00. to 08 08 00.
Bear, from 08 06 00. to 09 00 00.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

This Day is publiſhed; (printed by Subſcription)

The *Life of ROBERT BRUCE King of Scots*: A Poem, by JOHN HARVEY, M. A. Subſcribers may call for their Copies at Mr. THOMAS HERIOT's Shop in the Parliament-Cloſe. A few more Copies are caſt off than was ſubſcrib'd for.

¶ By a former Advertiſement, Notice was given that the firſt Capital deſign'd for erecting an INFIRMARY or Hoſpital for Sick Poor at Edinburgh, was ſubſcribed for; Theſe do now give Notice, That the Contributers, in a general Meeting the 16th December laſt, did give Warrant and Directions for providing a convenient Houſe, with proper Servants and Neceſſaries, to take in every ſuch Perſons, ſo far as the current Intereſt of the Stock got in, will defray. Therefore 'tis expected, that all Subſcribers who have not paid, will pay in their Donations betwixt and Candlemaſs next, to David Spence Secretary to the Bank of Scotland, who takes in the ſame; and that ſuch who did aſſign their Intereſt in the Fiſhery, and have notwithſtanding uplifted the Dividends, That they will alſo pay the ſame to Mr. Spence; ſo that neither the Subſcri-

ſcribers nor the Committee in Management, be put to the Trouble of recovering the ſame by a legal Courſe.

*** The Incorporation of Chirurgeon-Apothecaries of Edinburgh, finding the Incomes of their Bagnio do not ſufficiently anſwer the Charges about it; have therefore reſolved to ſhut the ſame up againſt Whitſunday next, and to ſette their large Hall, with the whole Houſe, conſiſting of 13 Fire-rooms, 2 large Garrets, a Houſe fit for brewing in, having a Caldron and Ciſtern, with a good Water-pipe and ſeveral other Conveniencies, together with the Uſe of the beautiful Gardens around the ſame. Any who incline to take the ſame, may enquire at John Kennedy, preſent Deacon of the Incorporation, at his Houſe the 3d Storey of Wilkie's Land, at the Back of the Main Guard, or at William Wardrop Surgeon, at his Houſe in the Graſs Market, oppoſite to the Meuſe-well, who will treat with them theſeanent.

¶+¶ At the Tyle-work in Preſtonpans, there is to be ſold the beſt PANTYLES made in this Kingdom for Fifty Shillings ſterl. the Thouſand, on 6 Months Security given. And for Encouragement to the Buyer, for Forty-five Shillings the Thouſand, ready Money: Or, on Demand, ſeveral other Sorts of Tyles and Bricks, of all Sizes, at reaſonable Prices.

*** That the voluntary Roup of the Lands of CARSKERDO, formerly advertiſed to have been ſold upon the 17th of January Inſt, is adjourned to Friday the laſt Day of the ſame Month, to be then rouped in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon. The free Rent of the Lands is about eighty Pound Sterling. They have a convenient Dwelling-houſe thereon, lately built, conſiſting of ſeven Fire-rooms with Garrets, and all neceſſary Office-houſes, hold Taxtward of the Crown for Payment of twelve Pound Scots yearly for Ward, the like Sum for Relief, and thirty ſix l. for the Marriage; ly within the Pariſh of Ceres, at two Miles diſtance from the Firth of Forth, and three Miles from Cowper in Fife, within a convenient Diſtance from Coal and Peat. The Rental, Progreſs of the Writs and Articles of Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of Alexander Stevenſon of Montgreenan, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Cloſe.

Exchequer-Chamber, 7th January, 1729.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable BARONS, for the adjudged Creditors on the forfeited Eſtate of James Home late of Ayton, to appear before Them on the 23d Inſtant, to object, if ought they have to ſay, why Anne Counteſs Dowager of Hume ſhould not be allowed out of the Purchaſe-money of the ſaid Eſtate given in by her, the Annuity and Arrears adjudged to her thereout by the late Commiſſioners and Truſtees Decree, bearing Date the 8th Day of October 1722.

W. BOWLES. Dep Rem. Reg.

¶*¶ The Lands of CORSLATS, lying on the South Side of the Town of Linlithgow, conſiſting of 21 Acres o arable Ground, belonging to the Heirs of the deceaſt Baillie Kae in Canongate, holding Feu of the Earl of Hopton Are to be expoſed to publick voluntary Roup, together or in Parcels, in the Houſe of Thomas Main Poſtmaſter in Linlithgow, upon Tueſday the 11th of February next, between the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The Conditions to be ſeen in the Hands of the ſaid Thomas Main, and Robert Aliſon Writer, at his Houſe oppoſite to the Main-Guard, Edinburgh: Where alſo the Rights and Progreſs of the Lands may be ſeen.

¶+¶ Theſe are to advertiſe the perſonal Creditors of Sir Robert Forbes of Auchinhove Advocate, being numerous, That their Debitor's Eſtate is now ſold, and the Price ready to be paid, conform to a Diviſion of their Shares made and approven: Therefore they are forthwith deſir'd to give in their ſeveral Grounds of Debt to Mr. James Cheyne Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in James's Court, in order to drawing the Conveyances by him in favours of the Purchaſers; otherwiſe, the Purchaſers declare they will conſign the Price in the Clerk's Hands.

§ That there is (immediately) to be ſette or ſold, a LODGING at Inveresk, Yard, Orchyard, and 10 Acres of Land incloſed with a Stone and Lime Wall, preſently poſſeſſed by the Relict of General Maitland. The Houſe, being 3 Storeys, has 17 Fire-Rooms, 10 Cloſets, 4 Garrets and Pantries, a Pump-well at the Houſe, with Brewhouſe, Stables, Lofts, Coach houſe, and all other Office-houſes. There is in the Park, a Well and Pond, a Stable, Byer, and Hay-loft, all very convenient for one or more Families. Enquire at Archbald Maclauchlan Merchant in Edinburgh, in Fowlis's Cloſe, near the Fountainwell, or at the Shop of Mr. Alexander Symmer Bookſeller in the Parliament Cloſe.

¶¶ To be ſold by Roup to the higheſt Bidder, at Thornhill in the Shire of Drumfries, upon the 16th of February next, a large WOOD of fine old OAK Timber, growing upon the Barony of Keir, about 7 Miles from the Town of Drumfries. The Conditions to be ſeen in the Hands of John Dalrymple of Waterſide, at his Houſe near Thornhill, or John Neilſon of Chapel, at his Houſe in Drumfries, or Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laun-market, Edinburgh.

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